

# ARKANSAS

## WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



\*Planting/Harvesting

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**RELEASED:** October 23, 2000 3:00 p.m. - Temperatures were above normal with below normal rainfall. 7.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 30 percent very short, 48 percent short, and 22 percent adequate.

**CROPS:** Wheat planting and ground preparation continued. Soybean, and cotton harvest continued with the rice and sorghum harvest near completion. Moisture is needed statewide for fall seeded crops. There was some flooding of fields for ducks. Some areas were knocking down levees and rolling stubble.

**LIVESTOCK:** Livestock were in fair condition. Farmers continued weaning calves. Pastures were being over seeded and fertilized, but lack of precipitation have stopped or greatly reduced regrowth in most areas. Possible prussic acid poisoning in grasses was a concern when early frost followed a drought. Selling-off of some cows and light calves continued due to lack of forage and supplemental feeding of hay was reported in many counties. Cattle were still being treated for flies and external parasites.

### Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %					Condition % <sup>1</sup>				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM									
Harvested	98	97	100	98					
WHEAT									
Planted	38	21	35	34					
Emerged	14	3	13	13					
COTTON									
Opening Bolls	100	99	100	99					
Harvest	84	72	84	70					
SOYBEANS					21	26	28	21	4
Shedding	95	89	83	82					
Mature	84	68	na	na					
Harvest	58	44	54	48					
RICE									
Harvest	98	95	97	97					
ALFALFA					14	30	48	8	0
OTH. HAY					21	47	28	4	0
PASTURE					27	43	24	6	0

1/Many reports are received on Friday and may not reflect conditional changes due to weekend weather.

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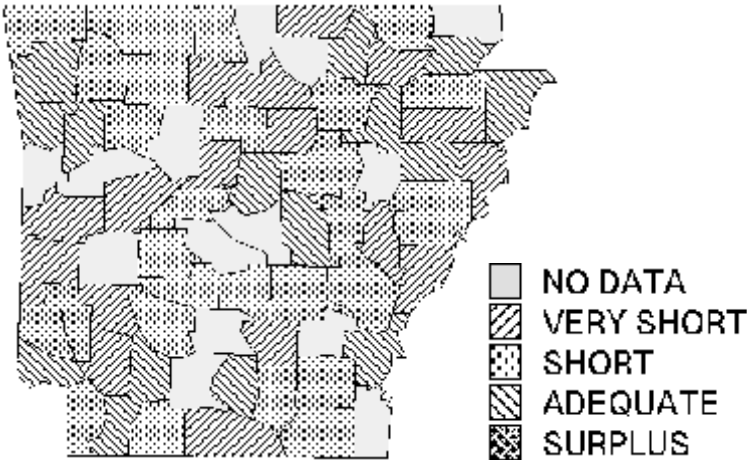
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

October 22, 2000. Mostly dry and warm weather prevailed across the state during the week. West and South Arkansas received the largest rainfall amounts; however, rainfall continued below normal over much of Arkansas. The high temperature of 85<sup>o</sup> was reported at Eudora and El Dorado. The low of 39<sup>o</sup> was reported at Gilbert. Harrison reported 0.97 inch of precipitation while Dardanelle and Eudora received no measurable rainfall.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING October 22, 2000

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	WEEK ENDING OCT 22	CURRENT OCTOBER ACCUM.	OCTOBER NORMAL	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER	
1 Fayetteville	77	43	3	0.76	1.30	3.21	30.71	32.97
Harrison	76	47	4	0.97	1.24	3.11	27.40	33.41
2 Calico Rock	79	43	5	0.20	1.26	3.10	28.78	33.06
Evening Shade				na	0.00	2.54	0.00	34.57
Gilbert	82	39	4	0.05	0.49	2.96	26.15	32.04
Greers Ferry	78	47	5	0.05	1.15	2.83	28.25	37.97
Mountain Home	76	46	3	0.20	1.00	2.88	27.88	32.15
3 Batesville	77	44	3	0.05	1.20	2.74	23.12	35.92
Black Rock				na	0.00	2.52	0.00	35.36
Georgetown				na	0.00	2.46	0.00	38.00
Jonesboro	80	45	3	0.09	1.27	2.66	25.64	36.32
Keiser	82	45	6	0.11	0.98	2.54	29.90	38.04
Newport	80	46	3	0.03	1.09	2.67	24.04	38.38
4 Booneville	78	47	na	.42	1.03	na	22.97	na
Clarksville	77	51	4	0.14	1.54	3.33	25.41	33.94
Dardanelle	80	46	3	0.00	0.91	3.49	22.97	34.95
Ft. Smith	80	48	4	0.71	1.48	3.68	21.24	30.20
Mena	77	44	1	0.33	0.57	4.26	30.86	39.76
Ozark	76	50	1	0.25	2.15	3.32	26.61	32.88
5 Hot Springs	81	48	1	0.16	0.58	3.36	32.52	42.75
N Little Rock	83	53	6	0.03	0.69	3.62	26.90	35.78
6 Augusta				na	0.00	2.40	0.00	37.67
Marianna	83	46	4	0.01	0.01	2.95	23.80	38.73
Stuttgart	83	44	4	0.43	1.63	2.71	27.22	37.05
7 Hope	79	44	1	0.04	0.96	3.29	28.77	39.41
8 Camden	82	46	2	0.52	1.65	2.77	31.04	38.38
El Dorado	85	45	4	0.13	0.98	2.96	33.08	37.96
9 Arkansas City				na	0.00	2.59	0.00	39.77
Eudora	85	45	4	0.00	1.61	2.61	38.75	40.26
Pine Bluff	81	47	1	0.10	0.99	3.17	26.53	38.26
Rohwer	82	45	4	0.32	1.19	2.72	33.96	39.63

na = data not available

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